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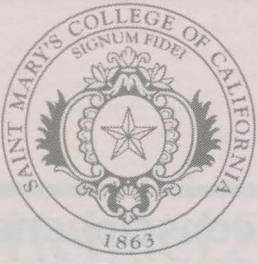
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'One Billion' rise for empowerment



THE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER PRODUCED its twelfth-annual "Vaginal Monologues" on Friday. (CJ Cosas/COLLEGIAN)

BY CHARLIE GUESE
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The One Billion Rising movement, which aims to end all violence against women, brought countless people to their feet on Friday. Men joined women in over 209 countries dancing in remembrance of domestic and sexual violence, celebration of empowerment, and greater efforts toward gender equality. In San Francisco outside City Hall, hundreds joined a flash mob, including Black Eyed Peas singer Apl. de.ap. While the One Billion Rising movement is all-encompassing and global in its mission for equality among the sexes, Saint Mary's added its own contribution to the cause with the Women's Resource Center's twelfth-annual production of "The Vagina Monologues."

The monologues are a series of reenactments of interviews that feminist playwright Eve Ensler conducted and first published in 1996. The monologues share stories from women of all walks of life — young, old, sexual abuse victims, lesbians, even sex workers and more — who all describe their varying narratives from joy to sorrow and everything in between. Production of "The Vagina Monologues"

is by no means a seamless process. The Women's Resource Center, including Director Sharon Sobotta and Alumni Kristin McNamara, begin rehearsals at the start of January Term. The actresses, who prefer the term "vagina warriors," read all the monologues together and decide which pieces each is most comfortable with before assigning roles. Most of the skits are not even assigned, and blocking does not even begin, until a few weeks before the production date, which happened to fall on Valentine's Day this year. Even more challenging is the pressure arising from a Catholic university organizing a play that critics deem to be obscene and unnecessary. Saint Mary's is only one of a dozen or fewer Catholic universities that produce "The Vagina Monologues," and productions at other Catholic universities have faced insurmountable pressure in producing the show. While Saint Mary's own production has also faced similar pressure, as The Collegian has reported, the Women's Resource Center successfully produced its twelfth edition, and all ticket proceeds were donated to the Community Violence Solutions not-for-profit organization in Contra Costa and Marin counties.

The cast of vagina warriors also felt optimistic that the Saint Mary's production's overall goals to end sexual assault and family violence and raise awareness and activism for gender equality shone through any preconceived misconceptions among viewers. Vagina Warrior Andee McKenzie, whose perhaps most memorable performance occurs during "The Woman Who Loved to Make Vaginas Happy," sees great benefit in producing such a play at Saint Mary's. "There are a lot of girls on this campus, and there's this general idea that anyone is always safe at Saint Mary's," McKenzie said. "I'm not saying that just about Saint Mary's, but a lot of college campus would like to promote the idea that nothing bad ever happens on a college campus, when really, you always have to be aware of people. I think "The Vagina Monologues" pushes that extra bit of awareness in terms of safe situations, triggering experiences, and life in general."

Vagina Warrior Justher Gutierrez also echoed similar sentiments. Gutierrez performed the light-hearted "Reclaiming C--t" monologue, which reclaims one of the strongest words of the English language into one of positivity, as well as "My Vagina was My Vil-

lage," which recounts a harrowing story of a Bosnian woman who was repeatedly raped and sexually abused. While Gutierrez admits that she is fortunate enough, along with the rest of the cast, that she cannot personally identify with such a harrowing story of abuse, she is proud to be a part of an organization that aims to see an end to the cause of some of humanity's greatest emotional tragedies.

"My personal cause, as a Communication major, as a feminist, as a woman of color, is to do something along those lines to really put those marginalized stories at the forefront," explained Gutierrez. "I think doing something like "The Vagina Monologues" is a great way to do that, because storytelling can, and has, changed the world."

Violence and inequality issues will not be solved overnight. The One Billion Rising movement will likely continue to work in these areas far into the future, but the vagina warriors view their seemingly small contribution to a noble cause — at a small, Catholic institution — as a profoundly significant one.

(Disclosure: Andee McKenzie and Justher Gutierrez are also staff writers for The Collegian).

Recycle Mania challenges students to make SMC green

Green Community sets a campus goal of 1,000 bags of recyclables by March 19

BY JENCY JAMES
STAFF WRITER

Keeping in line with its focus on sustainability, the California legislature passed California's 75 percent Initiative. This piece of legislature requires the State to divert 75 percent of its waste from landfills through recycling, composting, and solid waste reduction by the year 2020. The Saint Mary's campus itself has a considerable way to go, as currently only 17.5 percent of the campus' waste is diverted from the landfill, according

to Julie Welch, the Green Community adviser. But the Recycle Mania Challenge, which kicked off last Wednesday by the South Claeys Green Community, hopes to change that.

Recycle Mania is an eight week long recycling competition in which campuses across the country compete to reduce their trash and increase the amount that they are recycling and composting. Saint Mary's is participating with Waste Less Wednesdays every week until March 30.

Students can bring blue bags

filled with their recyclables to the Green Community table in Dante Quad during Community Time and receive a raffle ticket to win a \$100 Amazon gift card for each bag. Students can obtain bags from their RAs or from the Green Community. Offices can also deliver old files, papers and other recyclables every Wednesday until March 19 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in Welch's truck.

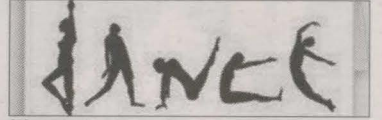
Besides a goal of collecting 1,000 bags of recyclables, the Green Community hopes to promote the importance of sustainability. "We

want Saint Mary's to be an environmentally aware campus, and recycling is tangible evidence that Saint Mary's values a clean and healthy environment," said Welch.

Green Community Co-Leader Alyssa Horning reiterated the simplicity of a sustainable task such as recycling, stating, "Recycling is not a new technology, so it seems like a no brainer. Why are we not doing something that is seemingly so easy and obviously beneficial for the school and environment?"

The contest also serves as a see RECYCLING, page 2

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New cross is being made to once again stand over SMC

BY PAOLO VERGARA
STAFF WRITER

For weeks now, a cherished part of the Saint Mary's community has been missing, and finally, there has been word that it will not be long until it returns to us. In late December, just a week before final exams, a storm toppled over the Cross, the beloved beacon on the hill behind campus and just above the Ageno dormitories.

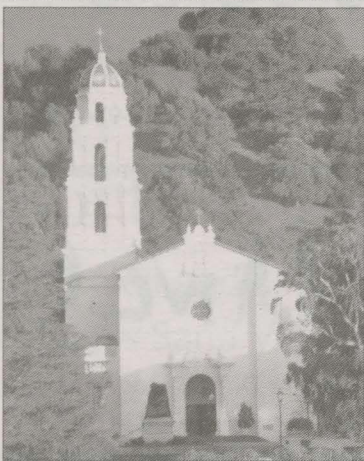
It is a place where students hike up with friends to watch the city lights in the twilight, get some respite from finals, or to just be alone in the silence and ponder the meaning of life. Brother Chris Donnelly, major projects coordinator at the Campus Facilities office, is in charge of the project and expects to celebrate the installment of a new Cross sometime between March 3-7.

In an interview with The Collegian, Brother Chris gave a brief history of the previous crosses, as well as the status of the current Cross, as it is being prepared to grace the campus with its presence.

Back in the earlier part of the 20th century, the De LaSalle Brothers had missionary posts all over the world, including the Philippines. In 1940, out of a spirit of generosity and solidarity, a Lasallian brother named Brother Julius had a cross constructed from Philippine mahogany in honor of the brothers who died in the Spanish Civil War and had it shipped to the Saint Mary's campus. It was placed atop the hill overlooking the campus

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*"To act upon one's convictions
while others wait,
To create a positive force in a world
where cynics abound,
To provide information to people
when it wasn't available before,
To offer those who want it,
a choice—"*

—TED TURNER

RECYCLING: Challenge hopes to grow campus recycling consciousness

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way to dispel myths regarding campus recycling and to clarify confusion on the issue. "Current campus recycling is lacking," said Green Community Member Juliet Brooks. "We have a number of blue recycling bins on campus, but it's all too easy for many students to default to throwing everything away in the regular green trash bins because they are more widely available. The problem also stems from a lack of awareness of what goes where. Students use a lot of paper plates from the dining hall, but most of them could be recycled if people knew and if recycling bins for them were made available in Oliver. The disposable cups we use in Oliver cannot be recycled, but they can be composted – problem is, we don't have a compost system on campus."

Brooks continued, stating that "A widespread education about the details of recycling can affect not just how students live, but how the campus operates as well."

I believe the change starts with the students, which we hope will spark a change in the community's perspective on sustainability."

Welch also emphasized the important role students play in the campus' recycling efforts. "Facilities and housekeeping won't separate the recyclables from landfill once the stuff is in the bags. That is the responsibility of every person to make sure that what they dispose of goes into the correct collection bag. Clear and blue bags are for recyclables, and dark, brown/black bags are landfill," Welch said.

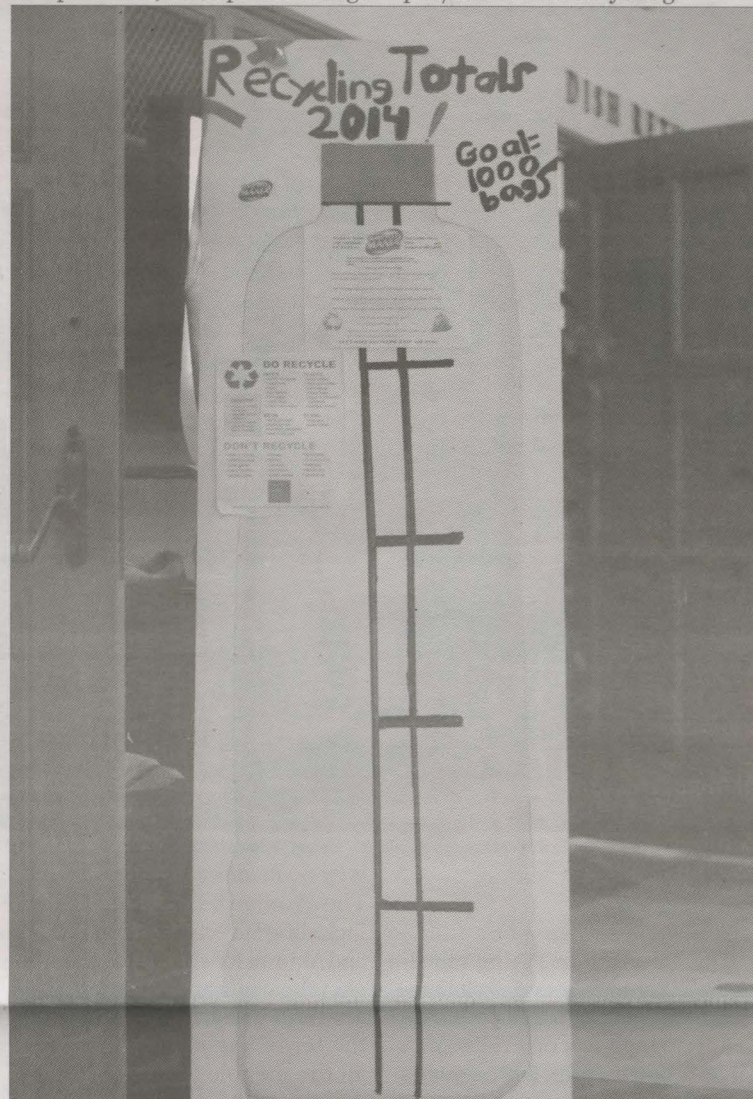
However, the College has made progress on the recycling issue. According to Facilities Services Superintendent Scott Logan, the College has allocated more recycling bins around campus, improved efficiency with a recycle only compactor, and partnered with Diablo Recycle to improve recycling efforts. "They have been extremely helpful in making sure we are educated, that we get what we need to make it happen

and that of course it gets hauled to the proper location off-site," Logan said.

Brooks reiterated the program's hope that raising awareness of the benefits to recycling might change student habits. "By creating a consciousness about recycling campus-wide, we hope the change

in mentality will change the way the school as a whole thinks about sustainability as well," Brooks said.

For more information on the Recycle Mania Challenge visit <http://www.stmarys-ca.edu/sustainability/greening-our-campus/waste-and-recycling>.



THIS SIGN IN OLIVER HALL will track Saint Mary's students' progress as it reflects the amount of recycling that Saint Mary's is able to complete over the next few months. (CJ Cosas/COLLEGIAN)

CROSS: the well-known campus symbol is being prepared for a fresh debut in March

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and had not changed position since then.

The Cross was kept in its natural, brown wood color until 1970, when it was painted white so that it could be seen more clearly. However, because the base of the cross was not sealed or weather-proofed, water seeped into the wood and rotted its base. The base continued to rot until it finally reached the point where the state of decay was too severe and it was to be taken down in 1980.

Maintenance workers constructed a temporary cross out of fir wood and painted it white like the original. It was meant to be a quick replacement, just until a new one could be made. However, the tem-

porary cross remained and instead became a permanent fixture until this winter, when it fell over due to the same causes that brought down the original Cross.

The construction of the new Cross is currently underway. The wood was taken from a redwood tree brought down from the forests of Eureka, as commissioned by Campus Facilities Executive Director and Saint Mary's alumnus Joe Kehoe. The 10-by-12 foot beam will be set in a metal base, which was put in place on Jan. 31. The entire Cross weighs around 2,000 lbs and will be painted white as well.

A new plaque will be fixed onto the base and will honor the 74 De La Salle Christian Brothers who were martyred in Tarragona, Spain,

during the Spanish Civil War and beatified in October 2013.

But that will not be the only thing that makes the Cross such an integral part of the community. "It's a new Cross," said Brother Chris,

"and it's come to take on a new meaning for the school and for the students. This new one will last another 150 years, and it'll be here to see many more generations of students."

Crime Beat

01/24/2014 10:46 p.m.
Incident: Medical Assist
Synopsis: Underage drinking-student transported to John Muir Hospital from Soda Center; referred to Community Life and Health & Wellness Center

01/25/2014 3:50 p.m.
Incident: Medical Assist
Synopsis: Rugby player injured-transported to John Muir Hospital from Rugby Field; referred to Community Life and Health & Wellness Center

01/25/2014 11:58 p.m.
Incident: Student Handbook Violation
Synopsis: Possession of marijuana and paraphernalia and underage drinking in Claeys South; referred to Community Life

01/25/2014 10:12 p.m.
Incident: Student Handbook Violation
Synopsis: Hookah confiscated in Beckett Hall; referred to Community Life

01/27/2014 10:45 a.m.

Incident: Vandalism
Synopsis: Room identification sign removed from wall in De La Salle Hall; referred to Facilities Services

01/28/2014 (Incident Occurred 01/23/2014 @ 5:45 p.m.)
Incident: Vandalism
Synopsis: Unknown individual defecated in shower stall in De La Salle Hall; referred to Community Life

01/28/2014 (Incident Occurred 1/24/2014 @ 3:55 p.m.)
Incident: Information
Synopsis: Roommate conflict in De La Salle Hall; referred to Community Life

01/29/2014 8:07 p.m.
Incident: Medical Assist
Synopsis: Student with difficulty breathing transported to John Muir Hospital from De La Salle Hall; referred to Community Life and Health & Wellness Center

01/30/2014 (Incident Occurred 01/24/2014 @ 5:35 p.m.)
Incident: Information

Synopsis: Possible cohabitation in Claeys North; referred to Community Life

01/31/2014 11:20 a.m.
Incident: Vehicle Vandalism
Synopsis: Brick thrown through window of a vehicle in Justin Hall Parking Lot; referred to Community Life and Moraga Police Department

02/04/2014 1:16 a.m.
Incident: Information
Synopsis: SMC property collected for safekeeping in Galileo Hall; referred to ITS

02/08/2014 3:32 p.m.
Incident: Petty Theft
Synopsis: Missing purse with iPhone and other personal items from McKeon Pavilion; referred to Moraga Police

02/10/2014 12:27 a.m.
Incident: Information
Synopsis: Possible sanction violation in Augustine Hall; referred to Community Life

02/10/2014 4:36 a.m.
Incident: Fire Alarm

Synopsis: False alarm from Water Flow Sensor alarm in Rheem Campus; referred to Facilities Services

02/10/2014 6:25 p.m.
Incident: Fire Alarm
Synopsis: Food cooking set off alarm in Guerrieri West; referred to Community Life and Facilities Services

02/10/2014 11:43 p.m.
Incident: Student Handbook Violation
Synopsis: Noise violation in Thille Hall; referred to Community Life

02/11/2014 9:25 p.m.
Incident: Student Handbook Violation
Synopsis: Possession of marijuana and paraphernalia in Claeys South; referred to Community Life

02/12/2014 9:00 a.m.
Incident: Petty Theft
Synopsis: Missing card tables belonging to the Guild from Soda Center; referred to Events and Conferences

NEWS

Beyond the Bubble

Ellen Page comes out
Ellen Page, star of “Juno,” “Inception,” and the upcoming “X-Men: Days of Future Past” (to name a few) came out in a moving speech at Las Vegas’ recent conference, Time to Thrive, to promote the welfare of LGBT youth. “I am tired of hiding and I am tired of lying by omission,” she said. “I suffered for years because I was scared to be out. My spirit suffered, my mental health suffered, and my relationships suffered. I am standing here today, with all of you, on the other side of all that pain.” This is only a snippet of the star’s inspirational and touching speech. Her coming out has attracted hoards of attention from the media, and her speech was met with a standing ovation.

15-foot Snowman couple draws attention
In the Pennsylvania area, the snow has been non-stop, but James Weaver has found a way to use all that snow to warm the hearts of all the locals. James and some of his workers at Weaver’s Mulch Company in Coatesville had

the idea while pushing some snow one day to make it into a fifteen-foot snowman. Mr. Snowman began attracting the attention of locals, so James decided to build him a wife for Valentine’s Day when the nor’easter dumped even more snow into his lot. The couple seems to be enjoying the newlywed life, and the joy they bring to Pennsylvanians, while the snow continues to fall.

Rare case of measles causes a scare on BART
Bay Area officials have put out a public warning after a UC Berkeley student rode BART to school with measles. The student commutes to school from Contra Costa County, and on the day in question rode BART between El Cerrito’s Del Norte station and Downtown Berkeley. Measles is a highly contagious respiratory disease whose symptoms include fever, runny nose, coughing, and watery eyes. Those who have been vaccinated should not have to worry, but Health officials are urging anyone exhibiting measles symptoms to seek treatment immediately.

Dolphin found to be communicating with her unborn calf
Bella, a nine-year-old bottlenose dolphin, is a favorite at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom in Vallejo. However, she gathered the attention of marine researchers when she started communicating with her unborn calf in her third trimester of pregnancy. Researchers say she was making her “baby whistle,” a sound that is unique to individual dolphins and is used to announce their presence to others or communicate with their young. Bella was seen floating alone in her tank and making her baby whistle, proving she was communicating with her young. This is a pattern that Six Flags members say they have never encountered before, and will continue to be studied.

U.S. beats Russia in hockey to move into quarterfinals
The U.S. hockey team played Russia this Saturday at around four in the morning our time. Those who didn’t stay up to watch the much-anticipated game at the Bolshoy Ice

Dome missed a close 3-2 win in the shootout for the Americans. U.S. forward TJ Oshie scored four times in the shootout to get the win. The game did not heavily impact the medal race in Sochi, but did wake the U.S.-Russia rivalry, best known for the “Miracle on Ice” at Lake Placid in 1980. Also, this game moved the U.S. into the quarterfinals, hopefully to take on another big rival — Canada — in the future.

Canada curling team is undefeated in Sochi
The Canadian women’s curling team has won seven of seven games so far in Sochi, beating the U.S. and Russia, among others. Jennifer Jones, Canada’s top female curler since 2005, plays at eighty-seven percent accuracy, while keeping up her day job as a lawyer. She plays alongside teammates Kaitlyn Lawes, Dawn McEwen, and Jill Officer. Five teams are currently vying for a spot to play Canada in the playoffs, with the U.S. unfortunately stuck in last place with no chance to catch up to our Canadian neighbors.

Campus Calendar

- Spring 2014 Study Abroad Fair**
Wednesday, February 19
12:30-2:30 p.m.
Dryden Hall
Contact International Program
x2425
- Still I Rise: SMC Praise Explosion**
Wednesday, February 19
1:00-2:15 p.m.
Chapel
Contact Karin McClelland
x4013
- Men & Body Image- Men’s Panel**
Wednesday, February 19
1:00-2:30 p.m.
Central Campus
Contact Gillian Cutshaw
x4193
- Student Recital Series**
Wednesday, February 19
1:15-2:30 p.m.
Soda Center
Contact Performing Arts Department
x4670
- Heart Your Parts Day!**
Thursday, February 20
12:00-2:00 p.m.
Oliver Hall
Contact Gillian Cutshaw
x4193
- Soup and Substance with Brother Michael Murphy**
Monday, February 24
11:30 - 12:30 p.m.
Alemany Community
Contact Sally Jamison
Office of Mission, 925 631-4695 to RSVP

New MFA in Dance program graces Saint Mary’s curriculum

BY CJ COSAS
NEWS EDITOR









In a move to expand the ever increasing scope of Saint Mary’s College’s variety of graduate and undergraduate programs offered by the College, a new Master of Fine Arts program has been added: the MFA in Dance. The new program is one that is catered specifically to those working to become dance professionals and features two different degrees, depending on specialization. The MFA in Dance degree for Design and Production marks Saint Mary’s as the first college to offer such a degree within the United States, and the new program also includes the MFA in Dance in Creative Practice. The program, which just began to be advertised in Fall 2013, is designed to emphasize student collaboration with one another and to create

original student driven projects. While faculty members and staff act as mentors for the students, the program capitalizes on the benefits that students can garner from learning from one another, as well as from accomplished mentors. The faculty members involved with and that teach within the program include Catherine Marie Davalos, Rogelio Lopez, Rosana Barragán, Jia Wu, and Linda Baumgardner. Each faculty member is a performing arts professor, each additionally having their own unique backgrounds in a variety of different fields pertaining to dance and performance, including choreography, costume and set design, filmmaking, critical dance pedagogy, somatic movement therapy, technical theatre production, and light designing. Many are also accomplished performers of their own right, and their variety of expe-









riences serves to truly exemplify the rich diversity that can be found even within just the Bay Area community. The particular aspect that makes the Saint Mary’s program unique is the specificity and degree of specialization that the MFA in Dance in Design and Production offers. While many colleges and graduate programs do offer programs that offer specialization in certain areas like lighting and management, the program that Saint Mary’s offers allows for heightened focus on aspects of study of design and production that are techniques used precisely for dance. The course is a two year program that works both from a variety of perspectives to teach participants creative techniques and works that highlight the world of the dance performer. The MFA in Dance in Creative Practice also takes a bit of a unique

spin and differentiates itself from other similar programs with its multidisciplinary course structure. Aiming to teach both diversely and effectively, the program includes studies such as choreography, technical aspects of production, dance pedagogy, somatics, studies in body-mind integration, and more. The Creative Practice program has an additional option of participating through a low-residency option that allows for those that are interested to take the majority of their courses within just the month of January and June. The inaugural class, the very first class to participate in the program, will begin in June 2014. For additional information, email the MFA Program in Dance at mfadance@stmarys-ca.edu or contact Graduate Programs in Dance Coordinator Jennifer Smith at jls12@stmarys-ca.edu or (925)-632-8183.

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Fashion Profile: Colleen Tanaka

Junior showcases both edgy and feminine style

BY MAHSA DINYARI
CULTURE EDITOR

There are three pieces that every college girl relies on: her jeans, her Northface jacket, and her pair of favorite boots. Junior Colleen Tanaka, on the other hand, refuses to abide by this uniform. "I don't even own a Northface," she says. "I only dress simple when I wake up late for class. I think it's more fun to experiment with different pieces of clothing."

Tanaka did not always have this eccentric sense of style that makes her stand out on the Saint Mary's campus. In high school, denim shorts, a tank top, and a pair of flip-flops were her go-to pieces. When she started to regularly read style magazines, however, she learned a lot about how to wear different items of clothing. "I wanted to be a little more daring in college and try different styles. I started to buy bright colors instead of neutrals, and started wearing colored tights instead of jeans," she says.

Now, Tanaka vows by statement patterns and bright colors.

From floral print to bright blue to tribal patterns, she likes trying new things and stepping out of her high school comfort zone.

"I recently bought a pair of Harlem pants," she says. "They're new for me and I know they are a little daring, but I really wanted to try them." She continues to buy bold pieces that others students may feel intimidated to buy.

Tanaka's favorite season is summer, and she prefers warm weather to fall and winter's chilly days. This made dressing for Moraga's cooler days an obstacle for her. "I learned to layer for the cold weather," she says. She owns a lot of tank tops, dresses, and skirts, but learned to make these items applicable for any season. "I'll layer a lot, and since a lot of my skirts and dresses are summery, I'll pair them with tights and a coat. I want to be able to use my summer clothes for fall and winter, so adding on helps."

One of the fashion statements Tanaka likes to make is that she loves reusing her clothing in different ways; she can mix and

match her pieces really well. She does not like buying name brands or pieces with labels on them, but prefers to use stuff she already has to create different outfits. "My main thing is re-wearing a lot of things I have while adding new stuff to it, like a different jacket with a different accessory. It might be a hat one day or a headband another day."

Because she dresses so uniquely every day, Tanaka does not really know what to call her style. Some days she prefers to look girly, with a skirt and more feminine accessories. Other days, she goes for an edgier, more daring approach, and some people even call her style "alternative."

"I love my combat boots," she says. "I literally wear them with everything. Dresses, skirts, jeans, anything."

Versatility is Tanaka's biggest take on her style, and you can't miss her walking to class in layers of fun, patterned clothing. You can learn a thing or two from her about trying new things and experimenting with items of



Courtesy of Colleen Tanaka

clothing that you are not used to. Find this fashionista on campus and get a few tips on how to

mix and match different items of clothing that are already in your closet.

Roam into ROAM and try a new kind of burger

Lafayette's new burger joint puts an interesting twist on a typical American meal

BY ALEXA GAMBERO
COPY EDITOR

The paradox of a health-conscious hamburger is brought to life by the sustainable, environmentally conscious, deliciously unique dining experience provided by Roam Artisan Burgers in Lafayette, a San Francisco-based burger joint that opened its doors to the Lamorinda area just before the start of the New Year. Roam boasts "pasture to plate" principles and claims that every menu item is "made fresh with mindful ingredients." With that in mind, expect to be served up a tasty plate of some local delicacy with a side of fresh flair when you visit Roam, and do not forget to add a Straus Family Creamery milkshake.

Upon entering the restaurant, customers are greeted by a full bar made of reclaimed wood, which is stationed next to a counter where cheerful employees wait below the impressive menu board to take your order. After ordering, you can settle into a comfortable booth or long community dining table while sipping on a glass of raw kombucha (which they serve on tap). All burgers can be made with beef, turkey, bison, or vegan veggie patties and are prepared in almost any way you want.

One of the more unique menu items, the Sunny Side, features aged white cheddar cheese, caramelized onions, tomato, fresh greens, sweet chili sauce, and is topped with an organic free-range egg and stacked on top of a fresh bun or inside a crisp lettuce wrap.

If stuffed saucy sandwiches are not for you, customized burgers are always an option, in addition to the tasty sides of seasonal vegetables or fries, and salads topped with a skewer of mini patties. No



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matter what your tastes and diets require, Roam will have something to satisfy your appetite.

Besides serving delectable lunch and dinner options, Roam flaunts an eco-friendly atmosphere. Its menu items are made up of local, antibiotic and hormone-free ingredients. The restaurant partners with PG&E to maintain an "environmentally-sound" environment that is energy-efficient. Even the plates are eco-friendly. The restaurant's compost program is outstanding, with leftover food that gets transformed into soil to grow more food, as well as cooking oils that are turned into biofuel. Roam's commitment to the environment and the community is apparent even in to-go orders; the menus are printed on recycled paper and the packaging is completely compostable. Any questions about the sources of Roam's produce and other ingredients, as well as their commitment to supporting local businesses, can be answered on their website, www.roamburgers.com.

All in all, this place has nothing

to hide. Roam crafts delectable dishes and drinks made from local, preservative-free ingredients that can be manipulated to accommodate various dietary needs. With quick service, reasonable prices, and staunch support for local businesses, I do not think Roam can go wrong.

MUST-EAT: Tejano style burger

MUST-TREAT: Chocolate Hazelnut Shake



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CULTURE

SMC seniors get sentimental

With only one semester left, seniors reflect on their time at school

BY EVELYN MINAISE
ASSISTANT CULTURE EDITOR

Saturday, May 24, 2014, marks a very important date for Saint Mary's College's seniors: graduation.

College is an opportunity for people to discover who they are in an environment with people who share common interests, and it provides students with ways to be involved in more than just the educational aspect of college. The more involved students become, however, the more difficult it becomes to leave behind such a place of belonging; leaving school then turns into leaving friends, family, or even home, and forcing yourself into a new world of jobs, graduate school, or traveling.

With most on the typical track of graduating in four years, these students have been looking forward to their last day as an undergraduate since August 2009, which is ironic because now many of them wish their days as a student would never end. Now is a time for seniors to reflect on their last semester at Saint Mary's and what will become of their futures.

Bobby Stevens admits that it is hard for him to think about graduation because, after four years, his roommates are his

best friends: "It's hard to think that in a few months we will all be going our separate ways and probably won't be living with one another anymore." For many seniors, these separate ways are unknown and make it even more difficult to say goodbye to friends. For Stevens,

"It's weird to think about how I only have one semester left ... It's so difficult to imagine an end, but we all have to."
-Justher Gutierrez

this means applying to the San Francisco Police Department. Stevens says, "I've wanted to be a police officer since I was four years old, and that's my number one goal right now." After four years at Saint Mary's, Stevens and many of his peers are making major steps in pursuing or discovering lifelong dreams.

For Deniz Thacher, pursuing dreams might mean remaining at Saint Mary's "for their urban single subject teacher program or [becoming] a substitute teacher in order to then get [her] teaching credentials."

Thacher wants to teach students to challenge the stereotypes thrown at them and overcome them by being successful minority students. While she learned a lot at Saint Mary's, Thacher recognizes that school doesn't prepare students for all of life's problems. She reflects, "As graduation nears, I feel a variety of feelings. Sometimes I feel scared. Other times, I'm excited to see what will happen."

Justher Gutierrez expressed similar mixed feelings, but she is still very much focused on her remaining semester, hoping to give back to the Saint Mary's community after all she believes it's given her. She says Saint Mary's has lent her a "spirit of involvement" and believes if she keeps "caring and involving [herself] like [she] did in Saint Mary's, the world outside of these sleepy hills shouldn't be too scary." Gutierrez admits, "It's weird to think about how I only have one semester left ... It's so difficult to imagine an end, but we all have to."

The Class of 2014 has a lot to look forward to and think about as May nears, and while all of them have different experiences, their time at Saint Mary's will unite them in a unique way as they move beyond their college years.

The curse of overplayed music

If you want to get tired of a popular song, just turn on the radio

BY SARA DeSANTIS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Imagine this: a beautiful sunny day greets you and your friends as you pile into your car, ready for a great summer day at the beach. Flip on the radio and...it's that song that has been playing nonstop for over a year. Groans fill the car as you frantically push your presets, but it's too late as clouds roll in and it starts to rain. The curse of the overplayed song has struck again. If only radio stations offered more variety in their music, then maybe you could have been catching some waves at the beach.

Overplayed songs on the radio – do we love to hate them, or hate to love them? Everyone has at least one song that they can't stand to hear because a few radio stations play it far too often. But sometimes those songs are so catchy that you can't help but sing along and repulse (or awe) anyone who is listening with you. All radio stations are guilty of overplaying certain songs – I'm sure that even loyal classical music fans complain that there is too much Bach or Mozart on their classical station. Although everyone has different opinions on which songs are overplayed and which songs are not, here is my ever-growing list of the current most overplayed songs on the radio:

"Royals" – Lorde

When I heard this song for the first time I thought to myself, "Dude, I hate it but I'll probably love it in a week." And then I did find myself loving it and belting it out in the car or (quietly) at the grocery store picking out apples. But then I kept hearing it on the radio over and over and over. Okay, Lorde, I get it, we don't need tigers on a gold leash.

If only radio stations offered more variety in their music ...

"Hold On, We're Going Home" – Drake

Alright, so at first, this was a good song to play when you were feeling moody or driving late and night and wanted to make yourself feel like you were Ryan Gosling in "Drive." But then, as it is with all of the songs on this list, it kept popping up all the time. The only good thing about this song now is you can easily tell when the song is coming on thanks to the introductory synth beats, allowing for a swift radio station change. Maybe the radio should try playing the Arctic Monkey's cover of the song.

"Grenade" – Bruno Mars

This song came out in 2010 and it is still overplayed on the radio. There are thousands of songs that came out in the four years between now and then, yet the radio insists on playing this

song. So much for spontaneity. And since we're discussing Bruno Mars, it might be time to find a different song to play instead of "Locked out of Heaven," too.

"Mirrors" – Justin Timberlake

There are plenty of good songs on JT's latest album besides "Mirrors." What about "Pusher Love Girl?" What about throwing it back to his "Sexy Back" and "My Love" days? Some variety from all years would be nice on the radio (except for "Grenade" obviously).

"Blurred Lines" – Robin Thicke

Enough said.

"Wake Me Up" – Avicii

Is it country? Is it dance music? We may never know, but what is certain is that it's always on. Always. Hoping to hear Foster the People? Too bad, you have to listen to this. And when you switch to the next channel, praying for anything, it's playing there too. And, yes, it is also on your third backup channel. It's the making of a horror movie; wake me up when it's all over.

"Sweater Weather" – The Neighbourhood

Okay, so I will admit that I like The Neighbourhood a lot and unabashedly sang "Sweater Weather" along with everyone else at Not So Silent Night 2013. But whenever I hear this song on the radio (which is often enough for me to include this song on the list), my inner hip-

Weekend Diary

Weekly cultural events and activities to get Saint Mary's students to explore off campus

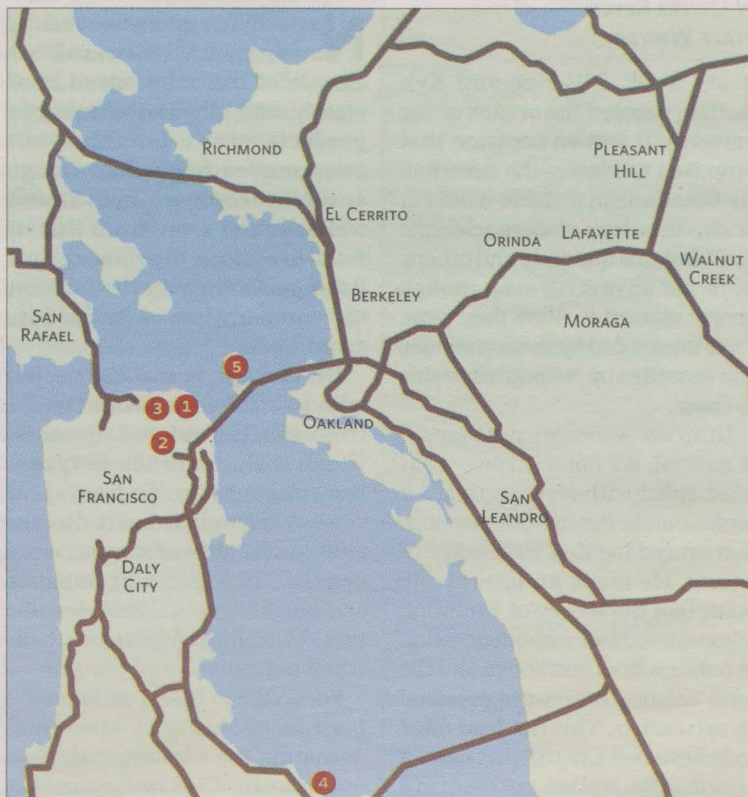


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1 Pirates of the Caribbean Ship Tour

February 21-23

Pier 40, San Francisco & Jack London Square, Oakland

Price: Free, suggested donation \$3

Board the Lady Washington and talk to the dressed-up crew about any questions you may have or stories you want to hear. The ship mimics an 18th century sailing ship and has appeared on the movie "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl."

2 "Off the Grid" Food Truck Lunch & Blood Drive

February 21

Civic Center, San Francisco

Price: Free with donation

Contact: www.bloodheroes.com

Interested in donating blood? Every Friday, Off the Grid partners with the Blood Centers of the Pacific to give those who donate blood a free lunch. It's a win-win for both! Just be sure to register online at www.bloodheroes.com.

3 Dolci by the Bay

February 21

Bay View Room at the San Francisco Aquatic Park Center

Price: Free

Listen to some quality classical chamber music – for free!

Stop by at Ghirardelli Square to indulge in something other than chocolate and listen to Viva knight and Ted Rust, a piano-oboe duo.

4 San Jose Bike Party

February 21

San Jose location determined 24 hours prior

Price: Free

San Jose Bike Party: February 21, unknown location in San Jose

Every third Friday of the month, San Jose hosts a bike party at a hidden suburban location. Check online 24 hours before the event to know where the party will take you. You'll find a bicycle-based party with awesome food vendors.

5 Treasure Island Flea Market

February 22-23

Great Lawn (West Side) of Treasure Island, San Francisco

Price: \$3

This open-air flea market is a conglomerate of anything being sold in the area. Take the Muni 108 from SoMa to get there or drive there (free parking), pay the \$3 admission, and shop around! Even if you don't find anything you want to buy, you'll at least enjoy the awesome view of Downtown SF.



Courtesy of veryhilarious.com

ster cringes a little. There are plenty of other songs to expose the public to, so why must we constantly puzzle over who puts their hands in the holes

of someone's sweater? Also, this has been overplayed since the summer when wearing a sweater was a distant hope in the Moraga heat.

OPINION

Nye and Ham debate disappoints

BY OLIVER REYES
STAFF WRITER

Last week, Bill Nye and Ken Ham debated the origins of our universe. It was an occasion that promised to answer the question: “Is Creationism a viable model of origins in today’s modern scientific era?” But this question, and others, were not answered, even though people seemed to think they were. I was unsatisfied by the arguments, and unsettled by peoples’ reactions to them.

In an age where secular thought is natural, it’s not a surprise that most sided with Nye, arguing for evolutionism. But this doesn’t mean that everything Ken Ham said was wrong. He made an interesting point that the theory of Evolution is considered fact without question in public school text books, and the term “science” has been high-jacked by secularists. This has lead most to believe that Creationists cannot be scientists, and has put them in a bad light. He then gets to the core of his argument: humans didn’t exist beyond 6,000 years ago, and therefore we have no real way of knowing how the universe came into being. Have the universe’s laws changed before our existence? Maybe. But Ham didn’t even attempt to answer the question or prove that the Bible is a viable source, a core argument against Christian beliefs.

Nye’s argument was also flawed. It was founded on the assumption that the universe’s laws have been consistent for all of time, which was the very question at hand. He argued against Ham’s point that naturalism is wrongfully assumed true, by making a counter-argument under the assumption that naturalism is true. Nye’s strongest point was that science is ever-changing and invites questions and discoveries that might change the theories and accepted ideas of today. But this was the point Ham made: Creationists can be scientists as well, even while adhering to the Bible as a historical reference.

In the end, Nye and Ham ignored what each other had to say and unfortunately, a lot of the audience did as well. Creationists refuse to question the Bible’s legitimacy, while Evolutionists consider their science to be the one and only true “science.” But this debate wasn’t useless, as it raises issues that people should be aware of and change.

Because of the sensationalism all over the internet, television, and whatever Fox News is, it’s rare to see people think critically and dialectically in civilized discussion. Both sides of this debate had interesting points that question the principles of each practice, but we’re unable to go further or come to a compromise because we’re stuck thinking anything the other side says is wrong because they’re the other side.

Most articles online claimed Nye was the victor and destroyed Ham. Why does there have to be a victor? Or destruction of the other guy? There are things we can take from this that are much more valuable than having a winner. Our culture’s binaries could have been challenged from a debate with this much publicity, but we are merely left with “Bill Nye won. End of story.”

Controversial choice may end up being beneficial for CVS

CVS chooses to stop selling tobacco products, but can easily avoid losing their customer-base

BY MADISON CHASTAIN
STAFF WRITER

Nationwide pharmaceutical company CVS Caremark has announced that it intends to completely end all sales of tobacco products by Oct. 1. As the company moves toward an image and philosophy of health and wellness and away from that of retail drugstore, the choice aligns itself perfectly with the mission the company has of care for its customers.

On average, half of the people who use tobacco products die from tobacco related diseases, which include throat, lung, colon, pancreatic, and cervical cancers, as well as heart disease and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. The frightening statistics are not new to us, and despite this, 45 million Americans continue to smoke.

So, CVS has taken an amazing leap in deciding to stop perpetuating the addiction of these customers. CVS will serve as a reminder of the dangers of smoking simply by not housing the products. The company’s Chief Executive Officer Larry J. Merlo put it well: “Ending the sale of cigarettes and tobacco

products at CVS/pharmacy is the right thing for us to do for our customers and our company to help people on their path to better health.”

Looking through the economic lens, though, that means there are 45 million possible customers CVS is at risk of losing with its decision. The average pack of cigarettes is \$6.36, which does not seem like much, but the total loss in yearly profit could total up to \$2 million. How does the company intend to make up for that lost profit?

The most straightforward answer would be to lower prices on other things and increase benefits through membership or use of the pharmacy. Currently, CVS utilizes a membership card called ExtraCare. Similar to cards for other major drugstores and supermarkets, it allows registered customers to access better deals, receive personalized coupons, and keeps track of their prescription purchases and refills at the CVS pharmacy. However, even with this ExtraCare card, prices at the store are still higher than those of its competitors. So by lowering prices and maximizing the ExtraCare card’s reach, CVS could maintain a hold on

its tobacco-using customers, while continuing to promote its image of wellness as a priority. The pharmacy already connects customers to their doctors through their prescriptions and formal transactions, but now the chain will keep customers closer

While the tobacco industry is extremely profitable, it is also extremely dangerous. CVS is clearly taking to heart the idea that the value of a dollar should not be held over the value of a healthy life.

to their encouraged healthy behavior in a more informal, indirect manner by removing the temptation to pick up a pack of cigarettes.

This step CVS is taking should most certainly be commended. While the tobacco industry is extremely profitable, it is also extremely dangerous. CVS is clearly taking to heart the idea that the value of a dollar should not be held over the value of a

healthy life. CVS is not saying that tobacco users are not the type of customers they want to serve, and they are not intentionally trying to limit their customer numbers. CVS is trying to show that they, as a corporation that promotes medical services, refuse to assist the detriment of their customers’ health by selling dangerous products. Selling harmful products while trying to promote taking care of oneself isn’t logical; their mission does not say “Tobacco users please do not shop here” because, obviously, those who smoke are going to require other life necessities, and some smokers may require aid in quitting.

CVS wants to be the place that helps people recover, encourages them to stay smoke-free, and prevent the temptation of walking by packs of cigarettes on their way to the pharmacy counter. CVS is promoting health, not exclusivity, and though it will be challenging for them to recover after losing a significant amount of profit, that profit was ultimately gained via the promotion of a harmful habit. With the goal of health in mind, CVS’s decision is a necessary and admirable sacrifice of profit.

Affluenza cannot be used as an excuse for poor choices

Wealth breeds bad decision makers, and the law is not doing enough to prevent their actions

BY CALLIE COKER
STAFF WRITER

Historically, humans have justified terrible actions with unrealistic reasoning and unsound logic, but the case of Ethan Couch surpasses any expectation the American people may have had about pitiable logic vindicating poor decision-making. Ethan Couch, a 16-year-old boy from Texas, left a party in early December, and chose to drive despite having a blood alcohol level of .24. Drunk, Couch drove 70 mph in a 40 mph zone, lost control of his car, and killed four people. The deceased were a mother and daughter, a youth pastor, and a young girl. Shortly after Couch decided to drive, four people were tragically ripped from their families and lost their lives. Naturally, many assumed he would receive a harsh sentence, especially since prosecutors requested the maximum sentence of 20 years in juvenile hall.

Couch did not receive this sentence. Instead, he received

only ten years probation. This was surprising, but not nearly as surprising as his defense logic. Couch’s psychologist claims that Couch is a product of “affluenza,” a kind of disease that occurs in wealthy teens who have no understanding of the consequences of their actions. According to Couch’s psychiatrist, Couch has the mentality of a twelve-year-old (so why was he driving?). I am sure that the judge hearing Couch’s case has heard some pretty nasty arguments in his or her years, but the fact that this passed as reasonable is baffling. I understand it is possible that growing up in a very affluent lifestyle may decrease someone’s understanding of serious situations, but four people were killed as a result of this person’s terrible decision.

After viewing multiple interviews with the members of the deceased’s families, my confusion as to how this argument worked has only grown. The major issue I see with this logic is it reinforces the idea that money can allow people to get away with murder. Maybe Couch did not pay off his judge or jury, but his defense still managed to include money as a major factor in the events that transpired, and this inclusion is ultimately what saved him from going to prison. I do not think his complete lack of sincere remorse during his trial was due to the amount of money in his bank account. Again, affluence can make someone feel superior,

and at times invincible, but his money shouldn’t be a reason to ignore the standard consequences for his actions.

While considering this story, Joran van der Sloot, the man who killed Natalie Holloway in 2005 comes to mind. He came from a greatly affluent family, and I cannot help but wonder if the “affluenza” plea would have worked for him. Though the two cases are different on many levels, I wonder how realistic the affluenza case actually is, and what the limit to this logic is. Will we cease to hear of people suffering from affluenza after this case? I believe that affluenza exists, but I don’t think it’s a justifiable reason to ignore the consequences of breaking

American laws. Just because Couch was not raised to understand the importance of apology, remorse, and consequences, does not mean he should be exempt from the law. Ignorance, in this case, is certainly not bliss. It would be more beneficial to give the maximum sentence, and send Couch to therapy where he could learn the effects and consequences of what he did. Affluenza should be treated if someone suffers from it, and the sufferer should still be held responsible for their actions. Couch’s case highlights the fact that American lives can potentially become obsolete because someone with too much money did not know that he should not drink and drive.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I want to recognize the special nature of William Lane’s article “SMC is not the same without its iconic cross.” The article was well-articulated, and more importantly, was a breath of fresh air in my opinion. In my years at St. Mary’s, I was dismayed by the lack of faithful Catholics and the lack of a show of respect for the Catholic culture and tradition of the college. But William, who is a self described agnostic, gave me the slightest sliver of hope for SMC. I think it is admirable that someone without a faith background would care about the symbol of the school, the cross that has for so many

years sat on top of the hill behind the chapel. It speaks volumes that he would go so far as to write an entire article about a symbol which he describes he identifies with as “a symbol of my school.” I would hope that his loyalty to his school encourages other students to nourish a sense of pride for their college. It is simply nice to see a fellow student acknowledging the absence of such a memorable symbol of Saint Mary’s College, and I was happy to read William’s article.

Michael Bruer

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SPORTS

Michael Sam could be first openly gay NFL player

SEC defensive player of the year looks to help any NFL team despite peers' thoughts on his sexual orientation



MICHAEL SAM looks to be a third to fifth round pick in this upcoming NFL Draft (Photo courtesy of sportsovertime.files.wordpress.com).

BY MIKE YOUNG
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In the heat of late August, University of Missouri's Michael Sam had something more on his mind than the upcoming season, something that he wanted to share with his team. During a team meeting in the football locker room, Sam had an announcement; he opened up about being gay.

Sam was shocked by his team's reactions, in fear of being ridiculed or rejected. However, to his teammates, it seemed like no big deal. They accepted him no matter what his choice was; the support he received from his teammates fueled something in Sam.

This season, Sam received All-American honors, was named SEC defensive player of the year, and led a stellar defense to claim the SEC East division. Nothing short of Sam's best season in his career. Rather than dividing the team, as Sam had feared, the team was more unified than ever, playing at levels

that surprised many critics going into the season (almost getting a chance to play in the National Championship game is a noteworthy mention as well).

The only thing that was a challenge for the Missouri football team this year was keeping Sam's news a secret. Sam's teammates respected his privacy and kept their mouths sealed. After Sam's incredible season, he was obviously very high on many peoples' draft lists and could possibly be drafted in the first round. Sam however, felt that he had to make one more announcement before being drafted, so less than a month ago, Sam told reporters: "I am an openly, proud gay man." Sam felt it was important to let the world know before he was drafted, and to him, it was even more important that many players around him in the NFL training locker rooms were aware of his sexual orientation as well. This begs the question: how will this affect his draft stock?

Some journalists have been bold

enough to say that Sam will have a Jackie Robinson atmosphere about the whole situation and that it will be rough for Michael Sam to adjust. Sam proved that being gay will not divide a locker room, or effect how he plays, but now this brings a lot of distraction along with all the media

Sam's only challenge will be the distractions that will follow him, but if he can carry his momentum from last season, then Sam should prove all the doubters wrong.

coverage. There have been players in the NFL that have spoken out against sharing a locker room with a homosexual, and the demographics of the surrounding population of the team that drafts Sam may not respond well in his presence.

But there has been a huge cultural change in the overall opinion of how homosexuality is viewed, and ironically, many of it has started in the state of Missouri.

In 1973, the University of Missouri refused to recognize a student group called Gay Lib, and this became a Federal case drawing out for four years where the U.S. Court of Appeals overturned the decision on the basis of the First Amendment. The university's motto is "One Mizzou" and the Tigers head coach, Gary Pinkle, constantly reminds his players about respect for differences, and they proved to have listened, as well as the surrounding community, due to the fact that Sam has received a great amount of love and support from the school.

Will Sam's draft stock go down because of this? Not likely. Sam's only challenge will be the distractions that will follow him, but if he can carry his momentum from last season, then Sam should prove all the doubters wrong.

Anderson brings home gold for USA

South Lake Tahoe native a heavy favorite in her first Olympics

BY CAITLIN MCLAIN
STAFF WRITER

When Jamie Anderson was just nine years old, she was given the opportunity to snowboard for the first time ever. Little did she know that 14 years later, she would be an Olympic gold medalist.

Anderson first started competing in USASA event, and worked her way up through the Nationals, Junior worlds, and Vans triple crowns, along with countless other events. At the age of 13, she qualified for the Winter X-Games BoarderX. Anderson was one of the youngest athletes to have ever competed in the winter X-Games.

At the age of 15 she won her first professional slope-style event, and signed her first contract with Billabong who still sponsors her today. That same year she also qualified for X-Games Slope-style, and took home the bronze medal. At the moment, she is currently the youngest Winter X-Games athlete to have won a medal.

With her arms lifted in victory, U.S. athlete Jamie Anderson received the gold medal for women's snowboard slopestyle on Feb. 9 at the 2014 Sochi Olympics.

Anderson gave the United States a gold-medal sweep in the first Olympic slopestyle snowboarding competition on Sunday, while Jenny Jones took bronze to win Britain's first medal in any snow sport.

The 23-year-old from South Lake Tahoe, Calif., triumphed in an almost flawless run in the women's final on Sunday, a day after Sage Kotsenburg captured the men's gold medal.

Down to one last trip through the treacherous Rosa Khutor Extreme Park course, Anderson hugged a tree (something she does before every race to appreciate the nature around her), took a deep breath, and then displayed her skills that have now made her one of the current greatest slopestyle snowboarders.

"I was really just trying to stay calm and kind of reserve my energy," says Anderson. "It was a lot of stress up there and even though it's just another competition, the stage and the outreach that this event connects to is out of control."

Anderson looked at peace as she made Olympic history. She floated through the sky as some of her competitors struggled to find enough airtime to provide a series of spins and grabs to impress the judges.

2014 Winter Olympics Medal Count

(at the end of Feb. 15)

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Russia	4	6	5	15
Netherlands	4	4	6	14
United States	4	3	7	14
Norway	4	3	6	13
Germany	7	3	2	12
Canada	4	5	3	12

SPORTS THIS WEEK

Men's Tennis
Sat. vs. Sacramento State 12:00 p.m.
Sat. vs. Sacramento State 12:00 p.m.

Women's Tennis
Thurs. @ Stanford 4:00 p.m.
Sat. @ Florida (Stanford) 1:00 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse
Thurs. vs. California 6:00 p.m.

Women's Basketball
Thurs. vs. San Francisco 6:00 p.m.
Sat. vs. Santa Clara 1:00 p.m.

Men's Golf
Wed. to Fri. John A. Burns Inter-collegiate @ Kauai, Hawai'i

Baseball
Thurs. vs. UC Davis 2:00 p.m.
Fri. vs. Kansas State 2:00 p.m.

Sat. vs. Portland 2:00 p.m.
Sun. vs. Kansas State 10:00 a.m.

Softball
Fri. @ North Carolina (Hawai'i) 6:00 p.m.
Fri. @ Hawai'i 8:00 p.m.
Sat. @ San Jose State (Hawai'i) 2:00 p.m.

Men's Basketball
Thurs. @ San Francisco 8:00 p.m.
Sat. @ Santa Clara 1:00 p.m.

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SPORTS

Spring into new sports

Men's Golf and Women's Sand Volleyball look to capture championships for Saint Mary's

BY DANIEL CONMY
SPORTS EDITOR

Spring is right around the corner, and many spring sports have already kicked into full gear. Men's and women's tennis look to be contenders in the WCC, as the women's tennis team boasts one of the best players in the world in Jenny Julien. Baseball faces many challenges this year, as they have first-year coach Eric Valenzuela at the helm. Women's sand volleyball looks to continue its winning ways into its second official season. Men's golf eyes that April 14 date for the WCC Championships. Golf hopes to build upon their strong season, which saw them nationally ranked and in the NCAA Championships.

Men's tennis started out on a four-game winning streak, but has fallen on hard times as they lost to nationally ranked UC Berkeley and UC Davis. Tuomas Manner and Joakim Norstrom anchor this team as senior leaders. Freshman Nathan Lewis continues to hold his ground in his matches and looks to build upon his early season matches.

Jenny Julien is one of the best tennis players in the nation. Ranked number seven in the NCAA, Julien has won all of her singles matches this year. As great as Julien is, it is a team effort to win matches against other schools. Jamie Pawid, Danielle Flores, and Catherine Leduc are also key components to the Gaels 3-1 start as of Saturday. The Gaels are looking forward to facing Stanford on February 20. The Stanford Cardinal is ranked number one in the nation.

Sand volleyball is a relatively new NCAA sport. The Gaels finished their season last year at an 8-2 mark and were the ninth best team in the nation. Jordan Shaw and Dalas Dodd earned an invitation to the AVCA Collegiate Sand Volleyball National Championships in Alabama. This season, Jordan Shaw and Dalas Dodd look to build upon their fantastic season. The Gaels will host Santa Clara on March 12 to open up the second season of Sand Volleyball at Saint Mary's.

Changing coaches is never an easy task at the collegiate level. When new coaches arrive, many players are welcome to transfer. Promising freshman Christopher Akmon and Gary Cornish have taken their talents elsewhere instead of returning to Saint Mary's. Eric Valenzuela takes over a Saint Mary's baseball team that has seen struggles recently. Ryan Brockett is the

Dellavedova honored Saturday night at McKeon

Matthew Dellavedova ceremony brings great crowd, but Gaels fall to BYU



MATTHEW DELLAVEDOVA was honored Saturday night at McKeon Pavilion. Dellavedova is Saint Mary's leading scorer (Photo courtesy of SMC Gaels).

BY EMILIO BUENROSTRO
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

On a night where Saint Mary's paid homage to one of their most celebrated basketball players, the Gaels narrowly fell to BYU by a final score of 60-57 in McKeon Pavilion.

The Cougars came into Moraga on Saturday with nine conference wins under their belt.

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Junior Brad Waldow again led Saint Mary's in the scoring department, putting up 17 points and 13 rebounds in 32 minutes of play. Holt added 13 of his own.

Saint Mary's maintained dominance throughout most of the game, but they were not able to bring a halt to a late BYU rally that

Saint Mary's	57
BYU	60

ultimately cost them the win.

"We did a lot right. We just didn't finish. We didn't close the game," said Head Coach Randy Bennett. "We've got to move on. We've got four left and they're all going to be tough. We'll play 'em one at a time and see what we can do."

The Gaels shot an impressive 50 percent from the field in the first half, compared to 44.4 percent shot by their opponent. Unfortunately for Saint Mary's, the scene shifted in the second half, as Saint Mary's had trouble on the offensive end, shooting 32 percent as the Cougars shot a clip of 57.1 percent from the field.

BYU implemented a zone defense that the Gaels couldn't solve.

"We had chances early to stretch and we didn't. Obviously we didn't

do a good job against zone," said Bennett. "It bothered us, they stayed in it and we got tighter and tighter and tighter."

With the loss, the Gaels now own a record of 9-5 in West Coast

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Conference play (19-8 overall).

However, although Saint Mary's didn't come away with the win, the night was still brightened due to the number retirement of Matthew Dellavedova.

Dellavedova's number, 4, was raised into the rafters of McKeon Pavilion in front of a crowd of adoring fans. Dellavedova joins

Tom Meschery as the only basketball players to have their numbers retired in the program.

Accompanied by his parents and Saint Mary's President James Donahue and previous president Brother Ronald Gallagher, "Delly" paid thanks to the students and fans in the crowd for their loyal support.

"It's pretty special to be able to come back, especially with Mom and Dad there. It's definitely up there," said Dellavedova. "It's good that I can come back and get a chance to publicly thank a lot of people that have made my experience at Saint Mary's an awesome one."

The Gaels will have to wait until Feb. 27 before they can play under the retired 4 hanging in the rafters, as they embark on a two-game road trip against Bay Area rivals San Francisco and Santa Clara.

Saint Mary's takes on the Dons on Thursday, Feb. 20 at 8:00 p.m. Two days later, the Gaels will battle the Broncos in Santa Clara. Tip-off is scheduled for 1:00 p.m.

only weekend starter that is back from last year's campaign. The Gaels dropped their first three games to New Mexico State and have been chosen to finish ninth out of ten teams. There will be growing pains this year for Gael's baseball, but they are moving in the right direction.

Softball started their season on February 7 and has struggled to a 3-5 mark. Sarah Lira and Loralie Fitzpatrick look to carry this team to a WCC crown in the future.

Saint Mary's is looking to be competitive in many spring sports. Men's Golf and Women's Tennis look to win the WCC and move forward deep in the NCAA championships. Women's Sand Volleyball is relatively new, but the lady Gaels have emerged as a top team and look to continue their battle for victory.

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